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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ROMANIA OF JULIAN AMERY

1. BRITISH COUNSELLOR RUSSELL STATES THAT JUNE 20-24 VISIT TO ROMANIA OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JULIAN AMERY WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND IS INTENDED TO BEGIN A PROCESS OF DEVELOPING BILATERAL UK- ROMANIAN RELATIONS FURTHER. AMERY HAD LONG TALKS WITH CEAUSESCU, MAURER (ONE AND HALF HOURS EACH) AND BODNARAS (THREE HOURS). ALL THREE CONVERSATIONS WERE WARM AND FRANK BUT FOLLOWED USUAL PATTERNS INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS BY ROMANIANS OF STRONG ANTI- SOVIET BIAS AND ADMIRATION FOR PRC AS WELL AS PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTACTS WITH WEST. ECONOMIC RELATIONS DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY WITH FURTHER EXPLORATIONS OF POSSIBLE CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE LEFT TO EXPERTS.

2. ROMANIANS WERE GREATLY INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES OF VISITS AT HIGHER LEVELS. AS RESULT, FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS HOME WILL PROBABLY VISIT ROMANIA IN 1974. BRITS TOLD ROMANIANS THAT A CEAUSESCU STATE VISIT TO UK WAS NOT FEASIBLE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS BUT THAT AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SOMEWHAT EARLIER. WHILE THERE IS NO PROSPECT FOR QUEEN TO VISIT ROMANIA IN NEXT FOUR YEARS, A VISIT BY HEATH MIGHT BE
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POSSIBLE EARLIER ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW HOME' S
AND CEAUSESCU' S VISITS AND WOULD BE SUBJECT THEREAFTER TO
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